

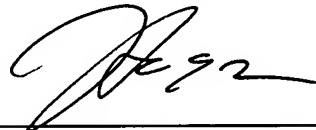
**REMARKS**

The specification of the patent application has been amended to claim priority to German Patent Application No. 103 05 365.4-33 filed in the German Patent Office on February 10, 2003. The patent application has been amended to bring the claims into conformity with U.S. Practice. Claims 1-20 were presented in the application. Claims 2-8, 10-11, 13-15 and 18 have been amended and claims 1-20 remain in the application.

The purpose of the amendment is to minimize objections and rejections addressed solely to formalities arising from the prosecution of claims in an unfamiliar format by bringing the claims into conformity with U.S. practice. A prompt and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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